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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST
THE FRONT PAGE CARRIES TWO PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOU AND FOREIGN DIGNITARIES. THE FIRST PICTURES YOU AND GROMYKO AND THE SECOND PICTURES YOU WITH BRANDT AND SCHEEL.
MURREY MARDER'S ARTICLE CONVEYS YOUR FEELINGS THAT CONCRETE PROGRESS IS A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO YOUR MEETINGS WITH BREZHNEV. THE BASIS FOR SUCH OPTIMISM IS COINED IN THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS YOU HELD WITH DOBRYNIN LAST WEEK. AN UNNAMED, AUTHORITATIVE AMERICAN SOURCE IMPLIED THAT A CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH ON THE FIRST STAGE OF A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION ACCORD WILL EMERGE IN THE AFTERMATH OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH BREZHNEV. THE SAME SOURCE HINTS AT THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER CONCEPTUAL BREAKTHROUGH WITH RESPECT TO REDUCTION OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. (A-1)

MURREY MARDER'S SECOND ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT THE TWIN DECLARATIONS OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE COOPERATION HAVE PROVED TO BE MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY ARE WORTH. U.S. OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS SAYING THE TWO DOCUMENTS WERE ESSENTIALLY "SYMBOLIC," DESIGNED TO GIVE MORAL AND EMOTIONAL REINVIGORATION TO THE ALLIANCE. AN AMERICAN SOURCE STATES THAT IT IS "NOT INCONCEIVABLE" THAT THE TWO DECLARATIONS MAY NEVER OFFICIALLY EMERGE AT ALL. JOHN GDSHKO (POST REPORTER) REPORTS FROM BONN THAT YOU GAVE TENTATIVE ENDORSEMENT TO SCHEEL'S PLAN TO IMPROVE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND THE EEC. (A-1)

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UGANDA REPORTEDLY REMAINS UNDER THE CONTROL OF GENERAL AMIN FOLLOWING AN ABORTIVE COUP LED BY THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN THE MILITARY. THE FULL SCOPE OF THE ENTIRE AFFAIR IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. (A-1) THOMAS D'TOOLE CONTENDS THAT THE FIVE-MONTH OIL EMBARGO BROUGHT OUT THE BEST AND THE WORST IN THE U.S. AS A COUNTRY. THE BEST BEING THE RESPONSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO ADJUST THEIR LIFESTYLES TO THE CRISIS, THE FED'S EFFORTS TO PREVENT BROWNOUTS AND TO SAVE JOBS, THE EFFORT BY SOME INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES TO DIVERT OIL TO EMBARGOED COUNTRIES IN SPITE OF ARAB DIRECTIVES.

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THE WORST WAS MANIFESTED BY PRICE GOUGING AND THE GAMES SOME POLITICIANS PLAYED WITH CERTAIN STATES WITH RESPECT TO ALLOCATIONS.

(A-1)

SENATOR BAKER IS PURSUING HIS INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED LINK BETWEEN THE CIA AND THE WATERGATE AFFAIR. (A-1) YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN ARE PICTURED ON PAGE A-16 ALONG WITH SCHEEL, HIS WIFE, AND DAUGHTER. (A-16)

SHELLING ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS WAS MARKEDLY LOWER THAN IN THE PREVIOUS FOURTEEN DAYS. ISRAEL HAS CREATED A NEW COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED EGYPTIAN VIOLATIONS OF THE SUEZ DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. (A-16)

A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT ABDEL NASSER IS GAINING MOMENTUM IN CAIRO. (A-17)

JOSEPH ALSOP NOTES THE VARIOUS HANDICAPS UNDER WHICH YOU ARE OPERATING AS YOU MEET WITH BREZHNEV: A CRIPPLED GOVERNMENT BEHIND YOU (WATERGATE), AN OIL-CAUSED ECONOMIC CRISIS AHEAD OF YOU, AND A WEAKER, FRAGMENTED ALLIANCE ALL AROUND YOU. ALSOP CONTENDS THAT IF YOU SUCCEED IN MOSCOW, IT WILL INDEED BE REMARKABLE. (A-21) THE NORTH KOREAN NEWS AGENCY REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREA IS SEEKING TO REPLACE THE EXISTING MILITARY ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH A BILATERAL PEACE AGREEMENT. (A-22)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

HEDRICK SMITH COVERS YOUR ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW. A PHOTO OF YOU, ELIZABETH, AND DAVID WITH THE SCHEEL FAMILY ALSO APPEARS ON PAGE ONE.

IN UGANDA, GENERAL AMIN REMAINS IN CONTROL AS THE MILITARY UPRISING APPEARS OVER. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE SEVERE REPRISALS, HOWEVER. (A-1)

THE ARAB LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL MEET IN TUNIS TODAY TO DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR ISRAELI-SYRIAN DISENGAGEMENT TALKS AND PREPARATIONS FOR A NEW ARAB SUMMIT MEETING. (A-3)

AN ISRAELI SOURCE SAID YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL DAYAN MIGHT CANCEL HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK UNLESS THE EGYPTIANS REMOVE ILLICIT ARTILLERY PIECES FROM THE SINAI. (A-3)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN WRITES ABOUT YOU AND THE QUESTION OF "POLICY BIAS." GIVEN YOUR BACKGROUND, ATTITUDES, AND BELIEFS, HE CONCLUDES THAT THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR REGRETS THAT YOU ARE IN A POSITION OF POWER. THE KIND OF POLICIES THAT YOU SEEM TO BE

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PURSUING ON BEHALF OF THE U.S., IF THEY SUCCEED, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO MANY COUNTRIES. (A-19) A PHOTO OF YOU WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO APPEARS WITH THE ARTICLE. FLORA LEWIS OUTLINES A SERIES OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN AN EFFORT TO RATIONALIZE THE RECENT WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITS WEST EUROPEAN ALLIES. (A-18) THE BALTIMORE SUN MICHAEL PARKS WRITES THAT YOU WILL BE PRESSED HARD DURING YOUR TALKS WITH LEONID BREZHNEV FOR A NEW AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE ARMS. THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP SEES THE FORTHCOMING SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT MEETING AS THE LAST CHANCE TO HALT A NEW CYCLE OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE. (A-1) JAMES KEAT REVIEWS YOUR FIRST SIX MONTHS AS SECRETARY OF STATE AND SAYS THAT YOUR PERSONAL STAR SHINES AS BRIGHTLY AT FOGGY BOTTOM AS IT DID IN THE WHITE HOUSE. (A-1) MINISTERIAL-LEVEL BORDER TALKS BETWEEN CHINA AND RUSSIA REMAIN DEADLOCKED. (A-4)

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